



The Truax Ticker

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Commander's Corner



To the men & women of the 115 FW.

I am so proud of this organization and your accomplishments. Several weeks ago, I was honored to represent the 115 FW at NGAUS and receive the Winston P Wilson award for the top fighter wing in the ANG and the Pesch Flight Safety award. On Saturday, the 115 FW will be presented our 9th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. I am humbled and honored to receive these awards on your behalf of this amazing team. These awards summarize the incredible performance and professionalism of the 115 FW Airmen and civilian employees. The accomplishments of this team are best summarized by Coach Lombardi's quote: "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." These are truly extraordinary achievements!

Our objective is to be ready to execute numerous missions and be adaptable to respond to any contingency when our nation and state calls upon us. 115 FW mission: Deliver dominant combat airpower and provide agile support for domestic operations. 115 FW vision: We will be the premier fighter wing: outstanding Airmen who are trained, ready and dedicated. We are tasked with so many responsibilities and obligations. Strong organizations develop and follow strategy & vision, and then prioritize missions and requirements. The 115 FW commanders, Chiefs and supervisors have done an incredible job leading their organizations, providing focus and prioritizing their teams' efforts. This is evident across the entire organization as the 115 FW continues to lead the ANG in mission execution and training as proven by objective health of the fleet metrics and sortie generation. We continue to be a center of excellence, not only taking on new missions but providing national training opportunities for other organizations. For example, the 115 FW recently stood up an Urban Search & Rescue team that was immediately called to duty to support the natural disaster in Northern Wisconsin. The 115 MDG, along with support from the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability, Public Affairs, Services, Chaplains and LRS, led the Innovative Readiness Training for East Bay Stand Down by providing medical, dental and optometry care to homeless Veterans. The 115 FW also led our state to host Northern Lightning, a national level tactical flying training exercise. These are just a few of the many examples of our continuous engagement across a wide spectrum of mission execution and training. We have also postured the 115 FW for future successes and opportunities. The support from the Wisconsin National Guard leadership, local communities and Badger Air Community Council is impressive, and I am confident we will rise to the top of the candidate list for F-35 basing selection.

During the last 4 years, we faced many personal and organizational challenges. How an individual or organization responds during adversity defines our strength, depth and character. I am very proud how we respond, learn, improve and support each other through many difficult situations. These challenges make us stronger. We have a great support team, and I am extremely appreciative for all of your efforts as we take care of our Airmen and families. Our support network is passionate about caring for our 115 FW family. This was evident during the Sep UTA with another awesome family day & wingman day; a special thanks to 115 FW Safety, Team Truax, and the Airman & Family Program!

On Saturday, the 115 FW change of command will occur, and I will transfer the wing command to Col Peterson. This will be the toughest assignment for me to come to an end, but I am excited to watch and assist in any way as Col Peterson and his team takes this wing to the next level! Coach Lombardi stated, "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence." The 115 FW has and will continue to achieve excellence. I am confident you will continue to pursue perfection as the premier fighter wing in the ANG. Thank you for your support, dedication, loyalty, and excellence in all you do! It has been an honor serving with you as your commander!



JEFFREY I WIEGAND, Col, WI ANG
Commander

Airmen Action Items

- WEB HAs are due Oct 2nd - please complete yours ASAP. Flu shots are available this drill - see your email.
- Due to multiple Wing Events on Saturday, Oct 1 2016 several parking stalls will be reserved in Ops parking lot. Please utilize the Club and TDY (1212 & 430) parking lots to avoid parking violations.
- AtHoc is secure (DISA approved) and approved for security of personally identifiable information (PII), therefore ALL wing members are required to provide personal contact information. To do so, click on the bottom right-hand corner of your computer (small triangle) and find the AtHoc icon. Right click and select 'update my info' to ensure your personal information is up-to-date.
- Please backup your computer prior to leaving every guard drill. If you fail to do so, you risk losing all the items/information saved to your desktop

Monthly Updates

Chapel services:

Sunday
0700-0730 Roman Catholic Mass
Bldg 500, Rm 129

SEDP Courses:

Sunday 1230-1330
Bldg 505 Classroom
Resiliency Preparedness

Top 3 Meeting

Sunday at 0930 in Bldg 400
2nd Floor Conference Room

Wing Commander COC

Saturday 1500 in place by 1445
Hangar 406

Maintenance COC

Sunday at 0800
Hangar 406

Unit Training Requirements:

CCTV will be broadcasting the following - please notify your UTM when you've completed the training:

Wingman Day Broadcast - CH 8
Sexual Harrassment Trng - CH 10

Important DTS Information can be found at [this link](#).

The Badger Militia Hockey team is looking for members. The team goes to Las Vegas for the Armed Services Hockey Tournament Nov. 10-13. Contact [MSgt Hessler](#) or [SrA Strassman](#) if interested. More info can be found on [Facebook](#) or the website at [this link](#).

C.A.R.E.S. meeting and new board member election on Sunday at 1300 in Bldg 500 Classroom 129

The loading dock entrances are for GPC purchases and commercial deliveries only. All other customers for Supply, Vehicle Ops, and Readiness should use the front entrances of building 510 (facing Covance). DPC users may enter from the front, side, or gym doors. Any customers attempting to gain access through the incorrect entrance will be redirected to the correct entrance and not permitted to pass through the building.

As a time saver and to avoid duplication, the MDG now has a dental organizational email address for DD 2813s and anything else dental related: usaf.wi.115-mdg.mbx.dental-form-dropbox@mail.mil

DFAC Menu:

Saturday: 1000-1200
BBQ Chicken/Burgundy Beef Tips
Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers
Parsley Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Noodles
Savory Beef Gravy
Asparagus/Golden Corn
Chili/Gyros
Beef Vegetable Barley Soup

Sunday: 0900-1100
Buttermilk Pancakes
Crispy Bacon
Scrambled Eggs
Potatoes O'Brien
Breakfast Sandwich
Buttery Gritts
Omelet Bar
Eggs to Order
Banana Bread

Dessert: Chocolate Pudding,
Marble Cake, Ice Cream

***Saturday Lunch Cost for AGRs,
Officers & those on orders* \$5.55**
***Sunday Brunch Cost* #3.45**
To-Go Meals on FSS SharePoint

News Briefs

CHIEF'S COLUMN

Hello 115th Fighter Wing Airmen!

Welcome to the October RSD.

I would like to start by thanking all those on the family day planning committees, and all those that volunteered to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. We served close to 1200 people! It was a fantastic display of teamwork and the event could not have happened without all those that gave their time in planning and executing another successful family day.

Team Truax did another awesome job with their informational and humorous presentations regarding SAPR, bystander intervention (green dot), and suicide awareness. Thank you again to Lt Col Parker and crew for a lighthearted presentation of three serious topics. I hope you all got as much from that as I did.

This month I would like to turn the focus to enlisted professional military education (EPME). It has been over 20 years since I completed NCO academy, and much has changed. Historically you either attended ALS, NCOA, or SNCOA in residence or completed the correspondence course. Rarely did you do both.

Fast forward 20 years and the design of EPME is continuing to evolve. NCOA and SNCOA are now two part courses. The correspondence portions must be completed prior to attending the in-residence portion. The difference now is the two portions complement each other – one is not designed as a replacement or “alternative” to the other. The two portions are now dubbed the “distance learning” (correspondence) component and the “leadership experience” (in-residence) component. Now when you hear NCOA-ILE or SNCOA-ALE think intermediate leadership experience and advanced leadership experience. In the Air National Guard there is no requirement to complete the leadership experience component. If you complete the distance learning component then you have fulfilled the EPME promotion requirement for promotion. I would like you to consider the leadership experience components however. Like I said, the two components are complementary to each other, the leadership experience will help you round out what you learned in the distance learning course. If you are at all interested in attending either ILE or ALE please contact me and I can put you in touch with a recent graduate. Your unit training manager should have answers to many of your questions regarding the ap-

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plication and attendance process. Our FY17 seat for the ALE is spoken for. We do have two seats available for ILE in FY17.

Just one comment regarding ALS. The in-residence process has changed quite a bit for this year. We are no longer restricted to attendance at the ANG education center at McGhee Tyson. Our Airmen can attend at just about any active component installation. The difference however is that you don't have as much specificity with regards to selecting a date. You must indicate a “window” of when you are available to attend and you can be selected with relatively short notice. Again, your unit training managers have the current information regarding ALS in-residence.

Thank you for all you continue to do and have a great weekend!

Chief McKay

DID YOU KNOW?

This month's 'Did you know?' focuses on VA healthcare. Click this link to learn about enrolling in VA healthcare from Tech. Sgt. Libby Schmiedlin. Here's a portion of the information you'll find at that link...

One thing that I cannot stress enough is enrolling in the VA for healthcare. You have 5 years from when you come back from deployments to enroll, after this enrollment period it becomes harder to enroll. Once you are enrolled you are enrolled for life. Even if you do not plan on going to the VA for healthcare now, plan for your future someday. This may be the most affordable healthcare for you. You can enroll at the VA admissions with a copy of your DD-214 or your County Veteran Service Office can help you fill out the paperwork.

What you should know about VA Healthcare:

- Enroll now! Even if you do not plan on using until later in life
- 5 years from deployment to enroll
- Mail prescriptions
- Enroll at the VA Hospital or at your CVSO <http://wicvso.org/locate-your-cvso/>

If you have additional questions, please contact TSgt. Schmiedlin at libby.schmiedlin@dva.wisconsin.gov

2016 East Bay Stand Down



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